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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,252,931

AL European Application 0 654 943

AM German PS 1 224 352

AT "Digitale Bildsignalverarbeitung, Grundlagen, Verfagren, Beispiele," Wahl (1984) pgs 62-68

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The German counterpart to Reference AA, together with References AL, AM and AU, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

References AA and AL are in English, and therefore no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. An English translation of Reference AM is

not readily available to the Applicants, nor is an English Abstract, however, a translation of the claims of Reference AM is attached thereto.

A translation of Reference AU is not readily to the Applicants. Reference AU is a text relating to digital image signal processing, and the cited section relates to techniques for operating on intensity signals in an image on a pixel-by-pixel basis.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

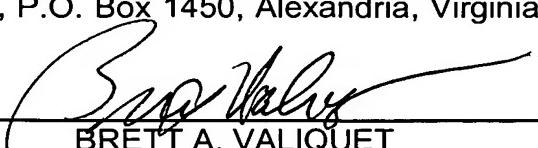
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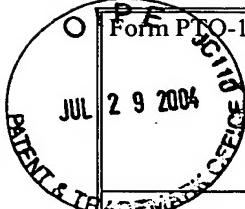
  
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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